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PETITION TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO RESCIND PREVIOUS NONPUBLICATION REQUEST

Dear Sir,

Applicant respectfully requests that the Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request submitted under separate cover to Box PGPUB be considered.

During a review of the filed documents prior to paying the issue fee, it was discovered that a Request for Nonpublication had been submitted with the initial filing of this patent application.

Applicant has taken immediate steps to rescind the Nonpublication Request by filing a Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with the required fees, on today's date.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request be considered, and that this matter again be allowed to issue.

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Applicant has requested that the petition fee under 1.17(h) for this petition be deducted from Deposit Account 50-1343 of Hughes & Luce LLP as noted on the Request for RCE. It is believed that no further fee is due with the submission of this petition, however, should a fee be deemed due or credit appropriate, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1343 of Hughes & Luce LLP.

Respectfully submitted, Hughes & Luce LLP

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